

**CHESHIRE GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
MANAGEMENT/LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY 4 FEB 2019  
AT RUDHEATH LEISURE CENTRE, NORTHWICH, 8.00PM**

- 1) **Members Present:** AFC Waverton, Appleton AFC, Cheshire Blades, Chester & District Girls, Congleton Rovers, Crewe FC, Cuddington & Sandiway, Egerton Girls, Frodsham Juniors, Grappenhall Sports, Hartford FC, Holmes Chapel Hurricanes, Lymm Rovers, Macclesfield Town Ladies, Middlewich Town FC, Northwich Vickies, Sandbach Utd, Upton JFC (Chester), Vale Juniors FC, Wilmslow Town, Winsford Diamonds, Witton Albion Juniors.
- 2) **Apologies for absence:** Ben and Maria Howard, Neil Gil, Crosfield Juniors FC, Middlewich Centurions FC, Nantwich Town FC , Runcorn Linnets FC

**Members Not Present:** Blacon Youth FC, Penlake JFC, Winsford Over 3s

- 3) **Cheshire FA Matters** - Steph raised following:
  - FA Level one course aimed at females, two courses, one in Stockport in April and one at Moss Farm in June. It will be subsidised at a reduced cost of £80. Please contact Steph if interested or go on to the Cheshire FA website.
  - Wildcats for girls age 5 to 11 recreational. FA have extended the deadline for applications or renewals it's now the 11 Feb 19.
  - FA Peoples Cup – Female small sided section for 16+ and open age 5 a side. Being held 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Chester Goals, for information check the FA Website.
  - Grow the game supporting clubs to develop more female teams, there is another opportunity to apply for £1500 grant. Window opens in Feb 19 maximum of 4 applications. If you have had funding in 2017 and 2018 you cannot apply. Again check the FA website for details.
  - Currently we have 55 female referees in Cheshire, and 3 attended the ST Georges weekend. Monday 11 February is a development meeting for female referees (7.30pm at CCFA). The FA will be holding female only Referee courses in summer, and you can apply for a 50% subsidiary. Let Steph know if you have anyone interested.
- 4) **Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018** – Proposed – Northwich, Seconded Appleton.
- 5) **Matters Arising** - None
- 6) **Secretary's report incl Referees – Kath Burgess**
  - a) Incident on 12 January - We had a serious incident down at Moss Farm on the switch over from U9's and U10's, we believe it was an U9's parent. We do have details of the number plate of the car and would ask for clubs' support in identifying the culprit. Details of the number plate will be given out. Please help the staff down at Moss Farm as we know it is difficult parking. If you can ask people to car share etc this might help the situation.
  - b) Return of Trophies – Trophies need to be returned by the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019. You can arrange to leave the trophies at Cheshire FA but please make sure your club name is on it.
  - c) Next Season - Decisions on next season have not been made yet, please can you request parents to stop sending messages through the website. We have had quite a lot. Once the process of Intentions in April has happened this will give us a good idea.

7) **Correspondence: Kath Burgess**

- Email regarding Girls only Futsal Programme, games will be on a monthly basis time 7 -9 at Runcorn Venue. <https://www.haltonstreetsoccerandfutsalcc.co.uk/Halton-Junior-Futsal-Cup-2019.html>
- Crewe FC are holding their girls tournament on Saturday and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July 2019. If anyone is interested then check their website for information. If anyone has any other competitions they wish to advertise let Kath know.

8) **Treasurer's Report:: Kath Burgess.**

- **Online banking** - We are having major problems opening a new bank account. Hopefully by the end of this week we will be having our bank account open. Invoices will be sent out electronically.

9) **Registrations' Secretary's Report: Harvey Powell**

- Transfer window has now closed for this season. Cannot sign another player that has already signed for the League even if they have not played for a while. We will review whether to change this rule for the AGM for the small sided age groups. 31<sup>st</sup> March is the deadline for new players to our League.

10) **League Fixtures Secretary's Report: Kath Burgess I Neil's absence.**

- Had only one week of cancellations at Moss Farm so far this season which has been good. However the U16's are the only ones where games have been called off regularly. Need to aim to get all the games finished for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 if we can. Some small sided games and U12s go upto the 6<sup>th</sup> April. Will move one set of the fixtures for the U9's on to the 30<sup>th</sup> March after the U11's which were scheduled for 20 April. The cancellations from last weekend will be added to the league games on the end of March. U12's matches should mostly finish on 30 March but for one match in European division and all but one match on 6 April for Champion's Division. If the outstanding match has to be played to decide the outcome of the Division, we may end up moving it to Moss Farm

Please make sure you keep an eye out on the website for any changes to times, venues etc, .

11) **League Child Welfare Offices Report: - Andy Thomas**

- Can you please make sure you reinforce to your coaches, suitable eyewear for playing football - no glasses unless Sports Glasses which do not have hinged sides. There are some teams who appear to be trying to ignore this which is FA Law 6.
- Coaches Code of Conduct - Positivity towards players, it does apply to coaches daughters as well.
- Cold Weather - please make sure everyone is aware that we do play in cold weather and it is not classed as child abuse. There are various levels where games can be called off - Site, Referee etc. if games not playable.
- It appears that a few teams are deliberately playing a year up. Not sure why teams would want to do this, that's why we went to single age Divisions. Please review when entering teams in the League as we do not encourage this.

12) **AOB:** Harvey will be carrying out some Registration checks over the next coming weeks, please ensure you reply as soon as possible.

13) **Date of next meeting: Monday 25 March 2019 at 8.00 pm at Rudheath Leisure Centre**

**Future meetings: 17<sup>th</sup> June (AGM)**

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